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PROCEEDINGS.

WARREN'S GROVE CHURCH,
FRIDAY, August 26th, 1881.

On Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th of August, 1881, the Northeastern N. C. Baptist Middle Ground Sabbath School Union held its first annual session at Warren's Grove Church, near Edenton, Chowan county, N. C.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At eleven o'clock, A. M., Friday, August 26th, the Superintendent *pro. tem.*, Rev. H. H. Hayes, called the attention of the people, announced the object of the meeting and invited the delegates and other interested persons to the front.

By suggestion of the Superintendent, Charles W. Greene was appointed Secretary and John A. Welch, Assistant Secretary.

Services were opened by reading 2nd chapter of Proverbs by Rev. H. Hayes, singing 491st hymn and prayer by Rev. A. C. Satterfield.

On motion of Bro. M. Thompson, the minutes of the Convention were read and approved; also the Constitution was read by sections, when

Bro. A. C. Satterfield moved to strike out Article 7th and insert the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Faith of this Union shall be Missionary Baptist.

On motion of Bro. M. Thompson, the list of the delegates and their organizations were called.

On motion of Isham Burke, a committee of five was appointed on permanent organization, as follows: Mark Thompson, Anthony Robertson, Richard Davis, Miles Hobbs and Alfred Creecy, Chairman.

On motion, the Union took recess for one hour. The tables had been prepared and richly furnished by the benevolent members of the church and citizens of the vicinity, to which the delegates and all present were invited.

Afternoon Session.

At three o'clock, P. M., the Union re-assembled, Rev. H. H. Hayes in the Chair. Charles W. Greene read 22nd chapter of 2nd Kings; read and sang 426th hymn, c. m. Prayer by Mark Thompson.

The Superintendent then announced the Union ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Isham Burke, the report of the committee on permanent organization was read, as follows:

We, your committee on permanent organization, beg leave to report as follows:

For Superintendent, Rev. H. H. Hayes; for Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Samuel Felton; Recording Secretary, Charles W. Greene; Assistant Secretary, John A. Welsh; Corresponding Secretary, Millard Filmore Burke; Treasurer, David Harrell.

A. Creecy, Chm'n.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. M. Thompson, a finance committee of three was appointed, as follows: Thomas Jordan, Leonidas Jones (Chairman) and Richard Wynne.

On motion of L. D. Holley, the officers and pastor of Warren's Grove Church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Brother A. Creecy moved that the verbal report of New Hope school be received. Lost.

On motion of M. Thompson, the prayer and petition of Providence school, Edenton, were approved.

On motion of E. Elliott, a committee of three on Letters and Petitions was appointed, as follows: L. D. Holly, R. B. Cowper and Miles Hobbs.

On motion of Isham Burke, the report of the committee of Arrangements was adopted.

On motion of Isham Burke, a committee of seven was appointed on Time and Place for the next meeting of the Union, as follows: H. B. Jordan, Geo. Simpson, Richard Elliott, F. Jordan, M. Thompson, Samuel Hurdle and Richard R. Davis, Chairman.

On motion of M. Thompson, Bro. John Folk was recommended as Sabbath School, Tract, Book and Bible Agent.

On motion of Edward Elliott, a committee of three on the practical and theoretic influence of Sabbath Schools

was appointed as follows: Isham Burke, Benj. F. Lilly and Samuel Felton.

On motion of Richard Wynne, the Union adjourned.

Prayer by R. B. Cowper; benediction by Superintendent.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

At ten A. M., Saturday, August 27th, 1881, the Union was called to order by the Superintendent. Rev. Samuel Felton read the first Psalm, and hymn 1057 was sung. Prayer by Bro. M. Hobbs.

The Superintendent then announced the door open for the reception of any delegates that were not present the first day.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of M. Hobbs, the list of school and other delegates was called.

By permission of the Superintendent, Rev. Josephus Linch came forward and illustrated practically and fervently in substantiation of the Union and in behalf of Sabbath Schools.

On motion of A. C. Satterfield, a resolution was received, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Union shall select a site of land on which to build an institution of learning.

On motion by Isham Burke, the report of the committee on Time and Place was read, as follows:

We, your committee on Time and Place, beg leave to report: We think the proper place for our next annual session is Riddick's Grove church, Perquimans county, N. C. Rev. G. W. Lee to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. John A. Folks, his alternate. The Union will convene Friday before the third Lord's day in August, 1882.

On motion by S. Felton, the report on Time and Place was approved.

On motion by L. D. Holley, a committee of seven on Nomination of Missionaries was appointed.

On motion by S. Felton, the minutes of the first annual session were ordered to be printed.

On motion by L. L. Elliott, a printing committee of three was appointed, viz: Charles W. Greene, John A. Welch and Rev. H. H. Hayes, chairman.

On motion by L. D. Holly, the printing committee was empowered to draw from the treasurer such funds as were necessary to pay the printing expenses.

By suggestion of the Superintendent, a collection was taken up amounting to $2.21.

On motion by L. D. Holly, the committee on Nomination of Missionaries reported as follows:

Chowan County—Walter Harris, E. E. Randolph and Alfred Creecy.
Perquimans County—J. W. Gordan, W. M. Brown and Rev. C. M. Billips.
Gates County—L. P. Knight, Miles Hobbs and Robert Cross.

On motion by Bro. Isham Burke, the traveling expenses of the Superintendent and Recording Secretary were ordered to be defrayed by the Union.

On motion by Mark Thompson, the Superintendent and Recording Secretary were allowed seventy-five cents per day for their services during the session.

On motion by Bro. Mark Thompson, the committee on Letters and Petitions of Schools reported as follows:

We your committee on Schools beg leave to report: We have thoroughly examined Sutton school, Ward's Grove and Hudson's Grove school, and we find them entitled to representation

All of which we humbly submit to your consideration,

L. D. HOLLEY, Chm'n.

On motion by Isham Burke, the resolution referring to the Constitution offered by Chas. W. Greene, was approved.

The Union then adjourned with benediction by the chair, and took recess for one hour, at which time the tables were richly furnished, and all delegates and visitors were bountifully supplied.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At three o'clock p. m., the session re-assembled, the Superintendent in the chair. Sang Gospel hymn 62. Reading of first Psalm by Rev. A. C. Satterfield. Prayer by Bro. Charles W. Greene.

On motion by Bro. Mark Thompson, the committee on Finance reported as follows:

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report: We have received from all the schools represented the sum of six dollars and forty-seven cents, ($6.47.)

On motion by Bro. Isham Burke, and seconded by Bro. L. D. Holley, the report was received.

On motion of Bro. Isham Burke, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the printing committee be allowed the sum of three dollars for preparing and having the minutes of this session printed.

The following resolution offered by Rev. H. H. Hayes, was adopted:

Resolved, That we appoint a committee of seven, consisting of Rev. Alfred Saunders, Charles W. Greene, Samuel Felton, Rev. John Folk, Leonidas Jones, Zion H. Berry and Rev. H. H. Hayes, Chairman, as an investigating committee.

On motion by Bro. M. Thompson, a vote of thanks was tendered to the church and vicinity for their hospitable entertainment.

THE PREAMBLE.

We, the representatives of the several Churches and Sabbath Schools of Eastern North Carolina, of the counties northeast of the Chowan river, seeing and feeling the great need of further intellectual, moral and religious development, do resolve to further advance the cause of education and civilization, and form ourselves into one united concurrence, out of which we hope, by the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, to erect an institution in which the colored youth of these several counties may avail themselves of its educational advantages.

CH. W. GREENE, Chairman.
W. B. HATHAWAY, Secretary.
SAMUEL FELTON.
E. E. RANDOLPH.
WILLIAM M. WRIGHT.

THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Union shall be known as the Northeastern North Carolina Missionary Baptist Middle Ground Sabbath School Union.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Union shall be to promote the cause of Christ by means of Sabbath Schools and other institutions, which shall be the property of the Union.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Union shall be a Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually. In case a vacancy should occur, the officers of the Union shall have the power to appoint another person or persons to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Union shall act according to the established rules and usages of legislative bodies.

ARTICLE V.

All Schools comprising this Union shall be represented by delegates and letters, given according to their rules, which shall not exceed two delegates.

ARTICLE VI.

It is agreed that each School belonging to this Union shall pay annually to this Union two cents per head for each student enrolled.

ARTICLE VII.

Any School wishing to enter this Union can do so by conforming to the laws of the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Union shall meet annually, according to the arrangement of the Committee on Time and Place, approved by the Union.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys, and such other property as may be required of him by the Union. He shall give a bond with security, clear and acceptable, at such time as required by the Union. The Treasurer shall give his receipt for all moneys deposited, and shall pay no order without the signatures of the Superintendent and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

Any Article or Section of this Constitution can be altered or amended only by a two-third vote of the members present at any annual session of the Union.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The Union shall pay the actual necessary travelling expenses of the Superintendent and Recording Secretary to and from the Union.

SEC. 2. The Union shall appoint, at each annual session, seven or nine persons to be known as missionaries, whose duty it shall be to visit Sunday Schools, encourage and organize new ones.

SEC. 3. This Union shall have the power to recommend and elect annually a suitable person as Sabbath School Tract, Book and Bible Agent.

SEC. 4. All meetings shall be called to order by the Superintendent or his authorized assistant, and opened and closed by devotional exercises.

SEC. 5. No member shall be allowed to leave the house or absent himself in time of business, without leave of the presiding officer.

SEC. 6. No member shall be allowed to speak longer than five minutes, nor more than twice on the same subject, without the consent of the house.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Giving the names of Schools, number of Pupils and Teachers, names of Superintendents and Clerks and their Post Offices.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	DELEGATES.	P. O. ADDESS.	No. of pupils	Teachers.	Bible Re'ds	Title Fee.	Am't paid.
Jopa,	Miles Hobbs,	R. P. Parker,	MHobbs,GSimps'n	Mintonsville, N. C.,	85	9	20	$ 1 70	$1.
Levington's Grove,	James Jenkins,	A. Hayes,	.....	Gatesville, "	40	6	20	80	.....
Mineral Spring,	James Langton,	Demsy Reid,	.....	Nurneysville, "	30	4	20	60	.....
New Hope,	Alonzo Greene,	James M. Greene,	.....	Gatesville, "	56	6	25	1 12	.....
New Mid. Swamp,	A. Saunders, Jr.,	Joe Saunders,	.....	Wiggins X R'ds, "	50	6	25	1 00	.....
Stony Branch,	Frank Smith,	Robt. Cross,	.....	Gatlington, "	45	4	20	90	.....
Hinton's Grove,	S. D. Nowell,	Charles Beaman,	Samuel Hurdle,	Gatesville, "	56	6	.....	1 12	56
Michael's,	John S. Burke,	H. B. Jordan,	H. B. Jordan,	Mintonsville, "	41	5	20	82	25
Rooks',	Warren Greene,	Lama Butler,	.....	Reynoldson, "	25	4	20	50	.....
Hall's,	Henry Ballard,	Peninia Ballard,	.....	Gatesville, "	25	4	10	50	.....
Welch's Chapel,	Eli Britt,	Msss H. A. Cullins,	John A. Welch,	Wardsville, "	46	4	27	92	80
Riddick's Grove,	M. F. Riddick,	Wilson Jordan,	B. F. Lilley,	Belvedere, "	35	4	10	70	.....
Providence, Ed'on,	Alfred Creecy,	N. W. Ryan,	A. Creecy,	Edenton, "	65	6	30	1 30	1 30
1st Col. Hertford,	J. W. Gordan,	Joe Gordan,	L. Jones,	Hertford, "	40	4	.....	81	50
Warren's Grove,	H. H. Miller,	W. H. Jones,	L.D.Holly, I.Burke	Edenton, "	75	5	16	1 50	75
Ward's Grove,	An. Robertson,	Isaac Robertson,	A. Rorbertson,	Tyner, "	50	6	.....	1 00	50
Zion's Tabernacle,	J. C. Jones,	.....	.....	Holly Grove, "	30	2	.....	60	.....
Gall Berry,	Benj. Goodman,	.....	.....	Reynoldson, "	30	3	.....	60	.....
Hudsons',	J. Dunstan.	Lawrence Holly,	Thomas Jordan,	Wardsville, "	30	4	.....	60	25
Sutton's,	Nathan Reid,	T. H. Bembry.,	M.Thom'n, J.Folk,	Hertford, "	23	3	.....	46	31
Sandy Branch,	Richard Wynne,	George Orton,	Richard Davis,	Edenton, "	35	3	.....	70	25
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OFFICERS.

SUPERINTENDENT:

REV. H. H. HAYES,.....Gatesville, N. C.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:

REV. SAMUEL FELTON,.....Edenton, N. C.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

CHARLES W. GREENE,.....Gatesville, N. C.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

M. F. BURKE,.....Hertford, N. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

JOHN A. WELSH,.....Wardsville, N. C.

TREASURER:

DAVID HARRELL,.....Edenton, N. C.

SPEAKERS:

M. THOMPSON, on the Progress of this Union.

JOHN A. WELCH and JOSEPHUS LYNCH, on Temperance.

L. D. HOLLY, on Morality.

J. H. BROWNRIGG and B. F. LILLY, on Education.

L. L. ELLIOTT, on Juvenile Progress.

A. ROBERTSON, FRED. JORDAN, ALEX. BROWNRIGG, on the Progress of Schools in Chowan county.